

## POETRY.

**CONTENTMENT.**

I take it as I go along  
That life must have its gloom,  
That now and then the sound of song  
Must fade from every room;  
That every heart must know its woe,  
Each door death's sable sign,

who journeys  
e the bitterness

Or pass without a tear.  
Love paves the way for us to mourn.  
Our pleasures breed regret,  
One day a sparkling joy is born,  
The next—our eyes are wet.

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Of sorrow and of care,  
As now and then come clouds and rain,  
Come hours of despair,  
And yet the sunshine bursts anew,  
And those who sleep shall smile,  
For joy is always breaking through  
In just a little while.  
—Detroit Free Press.

JONES.

I.

We sit around the table and pour out  
The wine,  
Transforming our crystals to rubies  
divine;  
Then drain them to Freedom, to

endship, to We  
k ourselves

Kings of Earth;  
 When, Jones, interrupting, says,  
 "Drink! a sin,  
 And headache and heartache are drawn  
 from the bin."  
 Fall the words, but not with cheers,  
 but with groans—  
 Get out of our sunshine, ridiculous  
 Jones!

II.  
 I read the sweet letter my love sent to  
 inclosing a rose from a land o'er the  
 sea;  
 I press to my fond lips a curl of her  
 hair,  
 And own that she's loving and good as  
 she's fair:  
 When Jones interrupting, says, "Love's  
 a mistake,  
 And women but play with men's hearts

"Why not, if t

as stones?"

Get out of my sunshine, detestable Jones!"

III.

My heart glows with hope for the welfare of my fellow:  
I pray for my fellows, and help when I can;  
I see through the distance of ages to be  
The many, grown wiser, made happy and free;  
When Jones, interrupting, says, "Man is a knave;  
And, if not a tyrant, a fool or a slave.  
I answer, "There's kind human flesh on my bones—  
Get out of my sunshine, cadaverous Jones!"

—Charles Mackay.

**VIEWS AND VARIETIES**

Clever Sayings

Frost—Critically ill, is he? Snow—Yes, critical of everything and everybody.—Harper's Bazar.

—What, smoke?  
Whom did you smoke?

"How did he make all his money?"  
"I understand he used to be a hat check boy in one of our reading hotels."  
"Mr. Cleveland? You saw some old ruins in England this summer, I suppose?"  
"Yes, Struckett Rich—Yes, and one of them wanted to marry me."  
"Princeton? Jersey?"  
"I hope you are not playing politics,"  
"I am not playing politics, I am just talking about things as playing politics," replied Struckett.  
"Jerusalem," "Politics these days is from Jerusalem."  
"Sage—Well, old man, she has accepted me and named the day. That's a load off my heart. Married Friends are the best."  
"You are an avowed abolitionist."  
"Boston Transcript."  
"Sollicitor—Then you don't think it is right to have a man who can't read and meet your creditors?" "Client—Oh, heavens, man—they're just the people I want."  
"What did you buy your little house for?"  
"That expensive mechanical toy for? He

but I'll get a

ing him how it works."—Detroit Free Press.

Departing Guest.—"I'd gladly give you a cup, waiter, but I find I've only got a few left. Waiter (benignly)—Ah, sir, you do appreciate the beneficial effect of a good after-dinner walk!"—Judge.

"Ivan, things were better in the old country. Even the most tasted sweetest of food, in the old country, was better every day. In the old country we had meat once a month. No wonder it tasted sweeter."—Kansas City Journal.

"Can't you glumme a small raise?" "We gave you a raise when you got married." "And I foolishly told my wife that it was the best she could get."—A couple of dollars every week for my own use.—Pittsburg Post.

"The railroad business is pretty complicated." "No, it isn't. The traveling man can't manage it. The traveling man can't manage it. I don't suppose I've ever been able to understand why two towns that look so close together on a map may be so far apart when they come to measure up the distance with a mileage book."—Washington Star.

## MUCH IN LITTLE

It is reported from Mikurano, Japan, that a large vein of coal has been discovered some 60 miles from Sarufutsu, Kuroki province, by a surveying party sent by the Mitsubishi company. The new field, it is stated, covers some 100,000,000 tsubo (tsubo—35.871 square feet).

"The number of persons of British

its migrating  
in 1910 was

The latest official statistics for the Russian potato crop for 1911 state that in parts of the country where the grain or hay crops are particularly bad

late yield is making up for

However, this year both grain and potato crops are below the average.

Liverpool is the leading English port for the importation of American and Canadian apples, which are the crown in the state of Washington, large imports of which have met with great favor, especially for the varieties, such as the Pippin, Spitzenburg, Rome Beauté, Winesaps and other similar grades.

The United States enjoys equal opportunity with other countries, in obtaining other parts of the British Empire, such as New Zealand, which is well known for raising wine, as metal wire of all kinds, including plate and barbed wire, and furniture, and is quite free into New Zealand, and there is no preferential tariff to handicap American goods.

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